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AMENDMENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 31-60 have been rejected.

Claims 31, 32, 36-39, 42, and 47-53 have been amended.

Claims 33-35, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46 and 54-60 are kept unchanged.

Claim 44 is cancelled.

New claims 61-73 have been filed.

Claims 31, 33-43, and 45-60 are pending in the application.

Claims 31-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The rejection of claim 44 is now moot because that claim has been cancelled.

In amended claim 31, the term "large difference" has been deleted and replaced with a part of the feature of amended claim 32 defining that difference of solubility as being at least doubled. The amendment makes also it clear that the first and second operational temperatures relate to hot and cold solubility. Amended claim 31 finds support on page 2 of the specification.

Amendments to claim 36 find support on page 3, lines 3-4 from the bottom of the page.

All the optionally phrases have been deleted in amended claims 36-39, 42, and 47-53.

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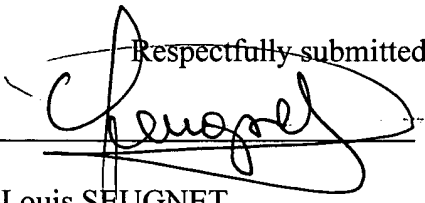
The deleted matters have been claimed in new claims 61-72.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner now reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 31-60 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In view of the preceding remarks, it is asserted that the patent application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any question concerning these remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent at (609) 860-4180. A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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